MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Names of Ministers who visited China from April to July, 1993 are given below:

(i) Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Commerce & Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, May 31—June 6, 1993;

(ii) Shri Santosh Mohan Dev, Minister of State (Steel), June 13—19, 1993; and

(iii) Shri Balram Singh Yadav, Minister of State (Mines), June 28—July 2, 1993

(b) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Extradition Treaty

3884. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difficulty for entering an extradition treaty/agreement with U.S.A., Canada, Singapore, Germany, France, Nepal, Hongkong and South American countries; and

(b) if so, the reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) There is no difficulty for entering into an extradition treaty/agreement with any of these countries.

USA — We have an extradition treaty signed before 1947 and negotiations to revise the same are under way.

Canada — We already have an extradition treaty signed in 1987.

Singapore — We have no extradition treaty but extradition arrangement by way of reciprocal extension of national Extradition Acts.

Germany — Negotiations for concluding an extradition treaty are going on.

France — A draft of Treaty has since been received from them and is under consideration of Government of India.

Nepal — We already have an extradition treaty.

Hong Kong — Negotiations for concluding an extradition treaty are going on.

South American countries — There are no proposals at the moment under consideration for concluding an extradition treaty.

(b) Does not arise.

Prime Minister's Visit to Kazakhastan

3885. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the visit of the PM to Kazakhastan in the month of May, 1993 a number of agreements were reached and signed;

(b) if so, what are the total agreements signed;

(c) to what extent the agreements will be helpful to India; and

(d) by what time these agreements are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) The following agreements were signed during the Prime Minister's visit to Kazakhastan in May 1993:

(i) Agreement between the Govt. of the Republic of India and the Govt. of the Republic of Kazakhastan on co-operation in Science & Technology.

(ii) Protocol on Cooperation between the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhastan.

(c) and (d) These agreements will contribute to the strengthening of mutually beneficial Indo-Kazakh relations.

Implementation of these agreements is already taking place:

Agreement on co-operation in Science & Technology:

A joint Sub-Committee has been formed to develop a data base of scientists, scientific agencies and available technologies in India and Kazakhastan. It would also review implementation of Indo-Kazakh co-operation in Science & Technology at regular intervals. Kazakh delegations of scientists with specific goals, are expected to visit India shortly to acquaint themselves with the technologies available in India. We have also expressed our willingness to participate in the setting up of National Scientific Centres in Kazakhastan for the training of Kazakh personnel in different fields such as bio-technology, mineral processing, informatics, telecommunications etc.

Protocol on Co-operation between our Ministry of External Affairs and the Kazakh